

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are original in the application. In the present amendment, Applicants amend Claims 1, 2, 18 and 20.

Drawings

Applicants submit that the above amendments to drawing FIGs. 1A, 1B, and 2 do not make any substantive changes or introduce any new material and are in accordance with the informalities indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on November 13, 2003. Applicants further submit that the amendments are consistent with the specification as originally submitted. Therefore, approval and entry of the above amendments are respectfully requested.

Applicants have concurrently filed herewith a Letter to the Official Draftsperson submitting formal drawings to replace the originally filed informal drawings.

Specification

Applicants provide herewith amendments to the specification. The amendments to the specification are made by presenting marked up replacement paragraphs which identify changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

The changes made are primarily typographical or grammatical in nature, or involve minor clarifications of awkward wordings.

In particular, in paragraph 1015, "an FSM" is corrected to "a FSM." In addition, a period is added to the end of the equations in paragraphs 1040 and 1061.

Applicants believe these changes add no new matter to the application and are fully supported by the original disclosure.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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